

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, line 24, to page 4, line 10, of the Specification as follows:

The preliminary rotating operation for the photosensitive drum and that for the developing unit are complete (step S808 and step S810) after lapse of 120 seconds (step S807; Y and step S809; Y). Thereafter, an image correction process is performed to examine the developing conditions on which an appropriate concentration is obtained (steps S811 and S812) by forming more than one image of the test image on the photosensitive body by changing the developing conditions. When both of the fixing warming-up operation and image correction process steps have terminated and the whole warming-up operations have thereby completed (step S813; Y and step S814), a message such as "ready to copy" is displayed on the operation/display panel (step S815). As a result, the apparatus is brought to a state ready for use.

Please amend the paragraph at page 32, lines 4 to 26, of the Specification as follows:

The program memory 106 is a memory in which there is stored a program for executing the image control CPU 110 while the system memory 107 is a work memory for temporarily storing various kinds of data during execution of the program. In the non-volatile memory 108 there is stored various kinds of information. For example, there are stored in it the most recent developing conditions that have been obtained

through the actual measurement image correction, the time and day information that indicates when the power was made “OFF”, the history of changes in the relative humidity that the humidity sensor 91 detects, and the time and day at which an immediately preceding image-formation processing was complete. Also, it is arranged that, by the power's being also supplied from a backup power supply during a period of time, as well, in which the power source of the main body is made “OFF”, detecting the relative humidity and recording the history of changes in that humidity into the non-volatile memory 108 be executed. The I/O port 109 is an input/output ~~[[ort]]~~ port. It has connected thereto various kinds of devices or means such as the humidity sensor 91 and time counter part 93. The time counter part 93 functions to perform a time/day counting operation and, while the power source of the main body is turned “OFF”, is driven by the backup power supply.

Please amend the paragraph at page 40, line 22, to page 41, line 3, of the Specification as follows:

Upon completion of the warming-up of the apparatus as a whole (step S309), a display to the effect that the apparatus has become possible to use is made on the display part 221 of the operation/display part 220 (step ~~[[S31]]~~ S310). A message such as “ready to copy” is displayed. The image formation processing that is thereafter executed (step S311) will be done using the developing conditions that have been set in the predicted image correction in the step S306 or in the actual measurement image correction in the step S307.

Please amend the paragraph at page 45, line 25, to page 46, line 19, of the Specification as follows:

Fig. 12 illustrates the operational timing for the respective parts in a case where image formation processing is executed immediately after the warming-up operation is complete and, thereafter, as a result of the fact that the status wherein the apparatus operation is left standing has continued for a prescribed, or greater than prescribed, length of time, the preliminary rotation operation and actual measurement image correction have been executed. At a point of time T31, the power source becomes ON and, at a point of time T32, ~~warning~~ warming up the apparatus as a whole is complete. Thereafter, before a status in which the apparatus operation is allowed to stand continues for the prescribed length of time, image formation processing is executed over the period of time from time T33 to time T34. This image formation processing is executed using the amount of correction with respect to the predicted image correction. After that, since the status of allowing to stand continued over the prescribed, or greater than prescribed, length of time from time T34 at which the image formation processing had ended until time T35, the preliminary operation such as the photosensitive drum 34 is executed from time T35 to time T36. Subsequently, actual measurement image correction operation is executed over a time period from time T37 to time T38.

Please amend the paragraph at page 49, line 5 to line 26, of the Specification as follows:

While the respective embodiments of the present invention have been being described ~~[[on]]~~ as above, concrete constructions thereof are not limited thereto. Even if changes, modification, or additions can be made without departing from the subject matter of the invention, they are included under the category of the invention. For example, in the above-described embodiment, during warming up for fixation that follows making the power source ON there has been prohibited any of the preliminary rotation operation for the photosensitive drum 43 be executed in parallel with the warming-up operation for fixation. Namely, although the phenomenon of “image ~~[[blue]]~~ blur” that occurs due to the attachment of a water portion onto the surface of the photosensitive drum is not solved even by changing the developing conditions, if executing the preliminary rotation operation for the photosensitive drum 43 during warming-up for fixation and in parallel therewith, the “image blur” is improved by the water portion’s being eliminated to that extent.